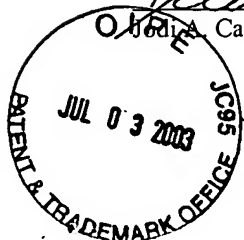


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Dear Sir:

In response to the supplemental Restriction Requirement, mailed June 3, 2003, applicant hereby elects Group I, Species B, for examination in the above-captioned patent application.

The Examiner is advised, however, that his characterization of the claims corresponding to the non-elected Species A is inaccurate.

Specifically, the Examiner's contention that claims 2, 5 and 6 correspond to the non-elected Species A is inaccurate. In reality, claims 1-5 are generic, and claims 7-10 read upon the elected Species B. The generic nature of claims 2 and 5 can be confirmed, e.g., from lines 11-16 of page 10 and line 15 of page 11 through line 22 of page 12 in the specification, which collectively indicate that the embodiment of Species B differs from the embodiment of Species A only in that the overmoulding of the body 1 is achieved via an injection moulding process using a thermoplastic polymer in Species B and via a transfer moulding encapsulation process using a

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thermosetting epoxy resin in Species A. The two species, including the details recited in claims 2 and 5, are otherwise identical.

In light of the foregoing, consideration of claims 1-5 and 7-10 is believed to be in order. In addition, upon allowance of generic claim 1, consideration and allowance of heretofore non-elected claim 6 is believed will be in order, and is respectfully requested in advance. Should there be any remaining questions the attending to of which would expedite such action, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

No fee is believed to be payable with this communication. Nevertheless, should the Examiner consider any other fees to be payable in conjunction with this or any future communication, the Director is authorized to direct payment of such fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

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